

Keynote and Welcome
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After reviewing some of the history of mental retardation in this country, these remarks stress amelioration and rehabilitation as the various interested organizations in the country were gearing up to enable retarded persons to make an optimal adjustment to community life. The President's Committee on Mental Retardation and Secretary Schweiker's proposed program on prevention are mentioned as being on the top of the federal health agenda. Emphasis is on the biobehavioral aspect of research and service because that's the basis upon which a great deal of the preventive effort is mounted.

Appropriate genetic counseling
Biobehavioral research
Congenital hypothyroidism
Dental health
Fetal phenylketonuria
"Fragile X" syndrome
Immunization, especially rubella
Integration of the mentally retarded into
society
Mental Retardation
Physical fitness & exercise
Premature infants
Prevention of fetal alcohol syndrome
Research budget for National Institutes of
Health
Research budget for Alcohol, Drug Abuse &
Mental Health Administration
Risk factors in pregnancy
Risks of pregnancy
Safety in the workplace
Sexually transmitted disease
Tobacco & alcohol use

Dr. Rene Dubos
First International Summit
"Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies"
National Institute of Child Health & Human
Development
Presidential Commission on Mental
Retardation
Secretary Richard Schweiker